

SOME weeks since reference was made to an article in the *Greenbrier Independent*, in which Dr. Archer Atkinson, of Baltimore, seems to suggest that West Virginia should be known as the Honeysuckle State. It is regarded to be the proper thing for every nation to have its national emblem in its peculiar flag, and most nations have also their national flowers. Flags and flowers are distinctive of the nation that claims them. The flower of each nation, the Rose for England, the Thistle for Scotland, the Shamrock for Ireland, the Lily for France, are the flowers designated by public preference, and indigenous to the land. Each country should have for its flower emblem the *hardest* flower that grows in its limits. In the uplands of West Virginia, the wild honeysuckle flourishes in abundance over widely extended areas. In a state so characterized by mountains as ours, and whose motto *montani semper liberi* is significant of the unquenchable freedom of our people, the fitness of things requires the selection of some hardy, tough indigenous flower for the floral emblem. A more beautiful and sturdier plant than the wild honeysuckle of West Virginia, is not to be found among those native to the soil. The true name for the Honeysuckle is the Azalea. The word Azalea is of Greek origin, and means *dry*, because it flourishes best in dry ground. The varied hues of this flower have given a name to a well known coloring agent, the arzalene, remarkable for its beauty and unfading qualities. There are thirteen varieties, having peculiarities of stem and color, and yet all are the same flower. No flower blooms more kindly in our State, should claim the respect of honest and hardy West Virginians, and in comparison with all the other flowers, appears well fitted in every way to be regarded as the state flower.

**A New Organization in Pocahontas**

A local branch of the Old Dominion Building and Loan Company, of Richmond, Va., has just been organized in Pocahontas, with the following officers who are directors: President, E. I. Holt, Hillsboro Vice Pres. J. E. Wamsley, Attorney, W. Bratton, Marlinton Secy. and Tres. E. Moore, Hillsboro Appraiser, H. A. Yeager Marlinton Appraiser, A. S. Smith Hillsboro Director, S. W. Holt Marlinton Those who wish to make some investments securing handsome returns, or to borrow any amount of money can communicate with the secretary or attorney of this board at their respective offices. Capt. T. C. Morton, of Staunton, Va., the general agent of the Company has already arranged loans for four or five parties in Greenbrier and Pocahontas, amounting to several thousand dollars.

**An Old Gentleman.**

Some days ago, we happened to be on the cars, when at Culpeper C. H. an old colored man entered. His manner was embarrassed and confused when he took off his hat and asked, "Is dis de place for culled people?" The words were scarcely out of his mouth, when every person in his presence answered "yes" and many made places by themselves for him. The laws of Virginia do not provide separate cars for white and black people, but if such was the case the answer would have been the same. The old man was black, but he had a gentleman's heart in him for no gentleman would obtrude himself where he was not wanted. It is only when their effrontery is intolerable, and when they attempt to destroy the sanctity of the Anglo-Saxon home that the negroes are made to feel the Southern white man's anger.—*Warrenton Virginian*

**Teacher's Summer Normal for 1895.**

To the Teachers of Pocahontas Co: Through the instrumentality of Prof. D. L. Barlow, we have arranged to hold a Normal for teachers at Marlinton, the four weeks previous to the opening of the County Institute.

To the wide-awake and progressive teachers, the many advantages of attending a Normal is apparent. When we take a glance at the various professions, teaching especially, we notice that the leaders therein are those who are wide-awake, and are constantly striving to better qualify themselves for their positions. The grave responsibility of the teacher imperatively, demands that he thoroughly qualify himself for his work. God has entrusted to us no duty so responsible as the teaching and culture of the young mind. The duties of the farmer, mechanic, physician, etc., are necessary to the well-being of society, but they all relate to that which is temporary and perishable; while teaching in its primary and full sense embraces that preparation which must necessarily be made by mortal beings for the full enjoyment of life beyond the grave. The teacher should enter upon his work with motives the purest that can actuate human conduct, for if there is any work divinely appointed, it is that of teaching. The time has arrived when teachers must not perform their work mechanically, but according to scientific principles, which govern the relations of means to ends in education. Teaching aims to train, instruct, and develop to their fullest capacity the various powers and faculties of man to make him as perfect as his nature will admit, to cause him to fulfill worthily the sphere God has designed for him. It should be the ambition of every teacher to keep pace with the times. Those who hold *second grade certificates* ought not to be satisfied till they can get a *first grade*, and if there is any who hold a *third grade certificate* they should not be satisfied with present attainments.

The object of this Normal is to afford teachers, and those preparing to teach, excellent facilities to equip themselves for the coming year's work; and will especially fit them for examination. With the latter end in view, the session is to close just as the County Institute begins, giving those who attend the advantage of entering the contest with their newly acquired powers in store.

By means of the best methods available, the whole public school curriculum will be covered as thoroughly as the time will possibly permit. Special attention will be given to the *Science and Art of teaching*, by investigating the scientific principles upon which it is based; and then giving in a practical manner, the latest methods of teaching each branch. Every teacher, who has the good of his profession at heart, should not neglect to avail himself of this opportunity. Do not allow yourself to be persuaded that your wages are too low to enable you to attend such a school, but first, through sacrifice if necessary, qualify yourself for your work, and then demand higher wages and you will be sure to get them. There are always ready positions for those who are masters of their professions.

Hoping to meet a goodly number of the teachers of Pocahontas this Summer at Marlinton, I am, yours for work, P. B. FITZWATER, May 17, 1895. Bridgewater, Va. (College.)

P. S.—For circulars, or further information address me as above, or Prof. D. L. Barlow, Edray, W. Va. Any one desiring boarding accommodations address Prof. Barlow as above. As soon as we know what time the County Institute will be held, we will announce through the TIMES the exact time for beginning the Normal.

**Strength of Wood.**

"As a result of nearly 40,000 tests of timber made at the laboratory of the Washington University of St. Louis, under the direction of the forestry division of the Department of Agriculture," says *Railway Engineering and Mechanics*, "the following facts have been determined: Seasoned timber is about twice as strong as green timber, but well seasoned timber

loses its strength with the absorption of moisture; timbers of large sections have equal strength per square inch with small ones when they are equally free from blemish; knots are as great a source of weakness in a column as in a beam; long-leaved pine is stronger than the average oak, and bleeding timber does not impair its qualities. It is stated that a large amount of chestnut felled in Alabama for the tanbark was allowed to rot because its value for railroad ties was not known. The Division of Forestry called attention to the superiority of this timber for ties, and the wood is now so utilized, with a saving to that region alone of nearly \$50,000 per year."

**A Beautiful Valley.**

(Independent.)

Capt. T. C. Morton, writing to the *Richmond Dispatch* from Hillsboro, in the Little Levels of Pocahontas County, says:

"This is just about the prettiest little valley I ever saw, and I have seen Max Meadows, in Pulaski; Crab Bottom, in Highland; the Yadkin Valley, in North Carolina; the Seneca, in New York, and lots of others. The wheat fields are fine, the blue-grass and clover pastures luxuriant and dotted over with sugar maples, and prettiest of trees, which don't hurt the grass, and the mountains gradually sloping down to the lowlands, green from the bottom to the "tippest top." The best clover, I have seen grows right on the top one of the highest Droop mountains, where Averill and Echols fought that unfortunate engagement in 1862, followed a few moments later by a battle still more disastrous to the Yankees at the White Sulphur."

When a bee brings pollen into the hive, he advances to the cell in which it is to be deposited and kicks it off; another bee, one of the indoor hands, comes and rams it down with his head and packs it in the cell as the dairy-maid packs butter into a firkin.—*John Burroughs*. We would prefer not to have any dairy-maid pack our butter that way.—*Traveler's Record*. If our butter must be packed in that way let it be done by a bald-headed dairy-maid.—*Rome Sentinel*. As for ourselves we will not have any but her.

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